

APPROVED MINUTES of the
Regular Meeting of the City Council of the
City of Rye held in City Hall on January 11,
2017 at 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSEPH A. SACK Mayor
KIRSTIN BUCCI
EMILY HURD
JULIE KILLIAN
TERRENCE McCARTNEY
RICHARD MECCA
DANIELLE TAGGER-EPSTEIN
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

None

The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci and unanimously carried to immediately adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. The regular meeting convened at 7:35 P.M.

Mayor Sack welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sack called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Mayor Sack asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

3. The State of the City Address by the Mayor.

Mayor Sack made the following statement:

“This month, we are celebrating Rye’s 75th Anniversary as a city.

On January 1, 1942, the City of Rye was formed. Prior to that, our municipality was a village within the Town of Rye. However, by special act of the New York State Legislature, we seceded from the Town and became our own independent, stand-alone city.

There has not been another city created in the state since then. So we are the latest... and the greatest! We should congratulate ourselves for reaching this important milestone.

This year, I myself am starting my fourth year as mayor.

The most fun I have as mayor, hands down, is a little tradition I started of hosting the second grade classes each year from the Osborn, Midland and Milton schools for tours of City Hall.

As an extension of the tours, I also began inviting the fourth and fifth grade student government representatives to attend the mayor's annual State of the City address. I believe that many of the students here tonight received their first introduction to city government on one of those second grade tours.

When you hear your name, please stand, and remain standing until I have called all names.

Midland School

Lila Byrne
Hannah Cali
Kate Foster
Isabella Garcia
Eli Kerlan
Ryan Lunstead
Charlie Margiloff
Tucker Press
Mali White
Dan Yamaguchi

Milton School

Thomas Anderson
Cami Brooks
Molly Budke
Will Crawford-Rubin
Ava Cross
Drew Dolan
Delia Fuchs
Mackenzie Gillen
James Kennedy
Molly Kennedy
Katie Kmetz
Kiera Ladrow
Kayla Lombardo
Charlotte Lorraine
Henry Paul
Kendall Reidy

Jude Sadler
Kendall Scansaroli
Hannah Slavin
Nicholas Vlasto
Luca Zambianchi
Donna Zhang

Osborn School
Kimaya Agarwal
Parker Canna
Brendan Chapman
Riley Doran
Sofie Fu
Dylan Garbutt
Kiran Gounden-Kobes
Ben Orser
Matthew Pellegrini
Dillon Schmidt
Sophia Shoemaker
Luca Strazzini

Mayor Sack recognized his daughters and father who were in attendance at the meeting. Congratulations on taking an interest and active role in student government. Keep up the good work!

During the tours, I have challenged myself to explain to the students what it is exactly that city government does. I have boiled it down to three things: We help keep the city safe, clean and fun.

We do this primarily through our Police and Fire departments, our department of Public Works, our Recreation department, and our Golf Club and Boat Basin enterprise funds. And we try to maintain this high level of service while also keeping increases to the tax rate as low as possible.

Of course that is not all we do, but it helps outline many of our core functions.

This year, during the tours, I could tell the story of many of the recent successes we have had.

For example, in 2016, we did things which have been talked about for ages. But we finally turned words into action.

We spearheaded the passage of a voter referendum – approved overwhelmingly by the residents of Rye – to create a commissioner of Public Safety.

This innovative new position will oversee both the Police and Fire departments. As a result, we will not only save money, but also bring professional management to the Fire department for the first time.

We will of course continue to rely on our volunteer fire chiefs and firefighters, and to respect and honor their long history of service. But this move will balance the needs created by changing circumstances and demographics.

We also approved an increase to the City's debt limit, which had gone unchanged since the current City Charter was first passed a half century ago. This historic debt limit adjustment will allow us to keep up with the changing times, and to have the flexibility to borrow funds necessary to meet our ever increasing public works and infrastructure needs.

And we negotiated a good settlement in the Fair Labor Standards Act class action litigation involving Rye Golf Club. This agreement with the golf club wait staff workers puts to bed the final remnant of the golf club scandal which came to light just over four years ago.

With this unfortunate episode now officially behind us, and as the golf club continues to thrive under new management and a new catering agreement, the future at the club is now brighter than ever.

As we move into 2017, we will continue to address other issues. These are often not new issues, but rather old issues which have either returned or persisted.

We will follow Starwood Capital's application to develop the former United Hospital site, and the Village of Port Chester's consideration of the required zoning change to accommodate that development.

We are cognizant of our limitations in not having approval authority over the application, but we continue to advocate that environmental impacts, including traffic impacts that affect not only the abutting neighborhood but also other areas in the City of Rye, be mitigated to the greatest extent practicable.

We will consider Crown Castle's application to install Distributed Antennae System nodes on pre-existing utility poles in the City's right-of-way. We will also consider residents' concerns that the DAS nodes are unsightly and will have an adverse affect on adjacent property values.

In this situation, while we can exercise some approval authority with regard to placement of the DAS nodes. While we do retain some rights as a result of both contractual agreements and local legislation, we understand that those rights are not absolute, and that our oversight is also limited by the requirements of state and federal laws.

We will maintain in litigation with the County of Westchester regarding Rye Playland, that the County does not have unfettered control over proposed improvements at the amusement park. The County must not only obey the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, but also allow the City's land use boards to give necessary site plan and other approvals.

We will advance towards a new master plan, with the City Planner last week finally issuing a Request for Proposals to solicit the assistance of outside consultants in drafting the first update to that document in 30 years.

We will work with our neighbors in the Town of Rye to determine the best path forward at Rye Town Park, which is located wholly within the City of Rye, and for which the City covers more than 50 percent of the operating losses, but which is governed by a commission controlled by the Town under state law. The selection of a new restaurant operator is on the agenda this year.

We will negotiate with the City of Rye's collective bargaining units to devise union contracts which fairly recognize the good work of our City employees, but which also confront the reality that out-of-control health care costs are not sustainable and will overwhelm our budget resources.

And we will meet a host of other equally important challenges and opportunities, ranging from flooding, to deer, to sewage and storm water, to freedom of information law requests, to a new agreement with the Rye Nature Center.

The first year I was mayor, when we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the construction of this City Hall, I researched the grand opening of the building by reviewing old copies of the *Rye Chronicle*. Each year since, I have maintained the habit of looking back 50 years.

What I have come to learn through this review is that the hot issues then, are the hot issues now.

It really is uncanny. Whether it be Playland, or residential construction, or teen substance abuse, or parking at the train station. The recurrence of these topics has given me much needed perspective, and some solace, that the issues of today did not begin with us, nor will they end with us.

The repeating nature of these issues does not mean that they are insoluble; rather, it just means that they will always be present, and that we must simply be ever vigilant in addressing them.

This trend extends back more than 50 years, more than 100 years, virtually to the very beginning of public life in Rye.

Recently, a terrific new book was published, authored by local Rye historian Paul DeForest Hicks. Entitled *John E. Parsons: An Eminent New Yorker in the Gilded Age*,

the book covers the life of a famous lawyer from Rye during the mid-1800's into the early years of the last century.

One passage of the book recounts a confrontation over an application for a trolley line in Rye.

At a public hearing in 1899, according to Mr. Hicks, "Parsons stated that he had known Rye all his life and that the proposed trolley line would 'destroy the character of the place.'"

Mr. Hicks writes: "Eventually, a compromise was reached, allowing the trolley company to run a line through the village's business district to Rye Beach. In return, the company agreed to a route that ran along a road beside the railroad tracks to Mamaroneck instead of down the Boston Post Road."

"When construction of the line through the business district commenced, the *Port Chester Journal* commented: 'Of course there are some people who object to the extension, others object to the change of routes and some who want no trolley at all. But one might as well try to stem the Falls of Niagara as to prevent the introduction of a trolley in the present century.'"

All of the controversial issues which capture our attention seem to relate in one way or another to the question of how best to protect the quality of life in Rye. Often this means how to balance change with tradition; how to manage new things, with our desire to keep things just the way they are.

During the second grade tours, I take some time to regale the students with stories of Rye history, by using the examples of our great leaders from the past, whose portraits hang on these walls.

Mayor Morehead (his portrait is in the lobby), who generously donated all the funds to construct the great public building we are in; Mayor Grainger, who lead the fight against Governor Rockefeller and Robert Moses and stopped the Oyster Bay Bridge; Mayor Ilse, the first woman to serve as mayor of Rye; and Mayor Otis, who continues to serve us as an elected official in Albany.

Mayor Carey is one of Rye's great citizens, and he has always been generous with me in dispensing sage advice.

Recently, Mayor Carey suggested that I consider establishing an award, presented by the mayor, to someone who embodies civic virtue.

I am doing that tonight, and I am naming the award the Mayor John Carey Merit Award – "Presented annually by the Mayor of the City of Rye to a Rye resident who has made meaningful contributions to public life in the City, both in the past year and over an extended period, in the example of former Rye Mayor John Carey."

This year's first recipient of the Mayor Carey Merit Award is none other than... Henry King.

Henry is a long-time Rye resident and a tireless volunteer at the Rye Nature Center.

Henry, while always modest and humble, has become an expert in the field of beekeeping, and like a true philosopher, has wisely stated that "just when you think you know everything about bees, they teach you something new."

Henry has taken a keen interest in, and been a strong advocate for, flooding issues in Rye, particularly with regard to Beaver Swamp Brook, which runs by his back yard.

Henry is a constant and reassuring presence at Rye City Council meetings, always sitting middle and center in the chamber at our bi-weekly Council meetings, acting as a one-man Greek Chorus on the contested issues of the day.

At the conclusion of meetings, Henry graciously provides – to those who are smart enough to ask – his take on what had transpired, shaping opinions by the clarity of his unvarnished assessment.

Henry is a sharp observer, and has applied his strong powers of perception in a number of areas, benefitting those around him with his soft-spoken but trenchant comments, as he explains the mystery of otherwise hard to understand topics, and reveals important and interesting truths about our environment and ourselves.

Well done, Henry!

During the tours, the students always come well prepared and ask excellent questions. One question I usually get is, "how much time do you spend in your role as mayor?"

If I actually added up all the hours I devoted to the job, I would probably cry. But the students are surprised to learn that I am a volunteer, and that I am employed as an attorney in private practice. As a result, there is a full-time professional City manager and City staff that runs the City on a day-to-day basis.

One of the compliments I get the most comes during the winter when it snows. Residents will approach me and thank me for the great job I did plowing the roads.

The truth is that I have virtually nothing to do with keeping the streets clear. The City Engineer and our great DPW workers take care of that. But since I get blamed all the time for things that are not my fault, I sometimes will say, "you're welcome, nothing to it!"

But tonight, having made this small confession, on behalf of the entire Council, I would like to acknowledge Marcus Serrano and Eleanor Militana and all the department

heads, many of whom are in attendance tonight – thank you for all that you do, and thank you for making the rest of us up here look so good.

Next, the students will inquire, “what is the hardest thing about being mayor?”

Being mayor can certainly be challenging. And it’s not always so glamorous. Constituents can be quite demanding. But this is public service, after all, and it’s my job – our job – to be responsive to constituents.

At the end of the day though, it is also our job to look out for the best interests of all of Rye, and not just to personally advocate for one particular opinion or another. It is important that we resist the temptation to side with one view, no matter how loud or forceful, at the expense of the bigger picture.

For sure, we cannot please everybody in this job. What I have learned is, no matter what the issue, half the people feel one way, and half the people feel the other way. And another half feels a third way. That’s me channeling my inner Yogi Berra.

So what is most important as mayor, in my view, is that I help facilitate a fair process, allowing everybody an opportunity to be heard and to express their points of view. That way, all have a chance to contribute to a compromise outcome.

During the presidential campaign, I speculated that Donald Trump could win the primary and then win the race for the White House. And that has come to pass.

But I opined then, as I do now, that – with all due respect to the President-elect – Mr. Trump could not get elected mayor of Rye, or mayor of any other city for that matter.

Because the qualities and characteristics of a good and effective mayor, are the willingness and ability to listen to all perspectives, to sometimes absorb people’s anger and frustration, and to try to build consensus.

Believe me, I’m only human, and there are plenty of times when I’d like to take a page out of the Trump playbook, and tell an unruly or unreasonable speaker or two where they could go, and what they could do.

That may be the new definition of what it means to be presidential. But it wouldn’t be mayoral.

And it would certainly not be any way to treat my fellow neighbors and residents.

Please don’t forget, I live here too. They don’t just break me out of a glass box for these meetings. I stand on the train platform next to you. I run into you at the drycleaners. I coach your kids in CYO basketball and Little League baseball.

So no matter how strongly held your opinions are, no matter how righteous you think you are, it is my prerogative as mayor to demand that we be nice and treat each other with mutual consideration and respect.

We're all in this together. And that's worth pointing out to students and grown-ups alike.

Naturally, a follow up question is, "do you like being mayor?" Without a doubt, I am extremely fortunate to have the honor of serving as mayor. And no matter how hard it gets, I truly enjoy every minute of it. Because if you don't love it, you shouldn't be doing it.

Once I was asked, "what is the name of your dog?" Before I could respond, one of the other students shouted out that she knew the answer. I asked her how, and she replied somewhat indignantly, "uh, because I've been to your house, several times!" (A friend of one of my daughters.)

As an amateur politician, it's difficult for me to recall all the names and faces of the people I meet. So if you see me on the street, please don't be shy about stepping right up and saying hello and reminding me how we met!

The highlight of the tour is at the end when I bring the students up in small groups to take their seats on the dais. This is a thrill for them, and frankly part of the message that I try to instill, which is: You should envision yourself sitting up here one day.

I always encourage their continued involvement in public life, and empower them with this thought: In this room today, there are future Council members, there is a future mayor.

By luck of the draw, the student who ends of sitting in the mayor's seat, has the gavel in front of him or her. And that student gets a few special pointers in mayoral gavel technique. Of course the real trick is, the best way to wield the gavel, is to use it sparingly.

Finally, as the tour comes to an end, I position myself in the rear of Council chambers, at the bottle neck leading out into the foyer. And I have them all give the mayor a firm handshake, and look me in the eye and state their name. Because that is a skill that you need to develop not just in politics, but in life.

Once, after I had just said farewell to the latest crop of second graders, bringing up the rear on this receiving line, was the school nurse. And she gave me an incredulous look and said – "if I were you, I'd go wash my hands right away..."

Good advice for sure, but let the record reflect that being mayor in Rye is a job where you need to get your hands dirty!

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, leaders of the past, present and future: Upon the 75th anniversary of the City of Rye, as we look back on our accomplishments of the year and years gone by, and as we aspire to achieve even greater goals in the years to come; as we re-new our commitment to one another, and as we strive to elevate all of Rye –assessing the state of our City, I can observe with great faith and confidence, that it is unyieldingly strong.

Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless Rye.”

4. General Announcements.

Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein addressed the community and stated that hate crimes are a serious issue, even in Rye’s backyard. She gave several examples of recent hate crimes in the vicinity of the City of Rye. She said that she strived to be a constant reminder that these issues exist close to home, and encouraged all to make positive choices and teach our children that words and actions matter. She also announced that she looks forward to spearheading the City of Rye Human Rights Commission. Part of her goal will be promoting awareness within the community, reminding all that words matter, actions matter, and the truth matters because our children are listening.

Councilman Mecca announced that the Rye City Fire Department has put out their training schedule for 2017. He encouraged residents to get involved with volunteering for the Fire Department. The 2017 training schedule includes ice rescue training, vacant structure training, flood management, vehicle extrication, and live-burn training.

Councilman McCartney stated that all were welcome to sign up for the Rye Golf Club 2017 season on the website. He was happy to report that improvements have been made at the golf course and the City has moved forward at the Club. Councilman McCartney also announced that the next meeting of the Rye Recreation Committee will be on January 19, 2017. He stated that he and Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein will be heading the City of Rye Firearm Safety Committee, which will research potential recommendations for the City with regard to important issues surrounding the subject of firearms. He stated that they met recently to consider the local legislation that Harrison is considering with regard to the sale of firearms. Moving forward, Councilman McCartney stated that a large part of any recommendation is public education. In that regard, he stated that each year, there are 606 accidental deaths due to guns, which can be prevented. He encouraged the consideration of trigger locks and other safety measures. Lastly, with regard to general safety, he asked that bright or reflective clothing be worn for those walking in the City at night.

Councilwoman Killian asked that all residents make sure that the sidewalks in front of their homes are clean so that those who walk on the sidewalks are safe in the winter. She also announced that on Friday, January 27, 2017 the Rye Fund for Education would be hosting a fundraiser at Whitby Castle at 7:30 P.M. There will be entertainment and she encouraged all to attend to support Rye schools.

Councilwoman Bucci announced that the Library's annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:30 P.M. featuring local author Sam Weinman. She also stated that she would dedicate a small portion of each meeting discussing the cost of retirement and healthcare. She said that the City's unfunded liability is \$85 million.

Councilwoman Hurd announced that with regard to the United Hospital site project, the Village of Port Chester accepted its FEIS and will move on to prepare a findings statement. The Rye park neighborhood recently had a meeting concerning the project and are hopeful for a positive outcome. She announced that Tuesday, January 17, 2017 the Village of Port Chester will be hosting a workshop on affordable housing and school-aged children issues. There will be another public hearing on January 31, 2017, and a traffic workshop on February 6, 2017 at the Port Chester Courthouse. Councilwoman Hurd then stated that with respect to landmarks, the discussion on Mile Marker 25 will continue on January 25, 2017. She also said that concerning the Boat Basin, the City has completed a survey of the mooring field, and will be enforcing the fees and permits required with owning a mooring. Councilwoman Hurd lastly discussed the central business district and reported that the construction on Smith Street is not yet completed but is currently accessible. She also announced that the vacant building lot between Poppy's and Woodrow Jewelers will remain vacant until the owner and the City come to an agreement. Lastly, Wine at 5 will be moving to the old Smoke Shop location.

5. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held December 21, 2016.

City Clerk D'Andrea recommended amending Item 9 on the draft minutes of December 21, 2016, in which Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein was erroneously included in a vote.

Councilwoman Killian asked the item to be tabled for further discussion until the next City Council meeting. The item was tabled until that time.

6. Issues Update/Old Business.

Councilman Mecca stated that the Planning Commission had a meeting and voted to approve the Senior Housing Project at 120 Old Post Road. The final project is going to be 122 units, with underground parking. He congratulated the Planning Commission and Chairman Everett for their thorough attention to this project. He also announced that there had been PESH (Public Employee Safety and Health Act) violations filed against the Fire Department. The City is working diligently to moving toward a rightful conclusion.

7. Presentation by the City's Legal and Engineering Consultants on the request submitted by Crown Castle to amend their agreement with the City.

Joseph Van Eaton, Best, Best & Krieger, counsel for the City, stated that the purpose of the meeting was not to take action, but rather to give an update of where things stand with regard to Crown Castle. First, he said the City has been working on

developing a revised Chapter 196, dealing with the placement of wireless facilities. He hoped to have a completed version at the end of January and into early February. He said the ultimate goal is first to amend Chapter 196 to ensure that the City is in the best position moving forward and second, to adopt a set of standards that the City's actions are consistent in both state and federal law to be able to control right of way. Lastly, it is important to reward those who propose more favorable, smaller structures with the smallest possible facilities, and minimal intrusion. The idea is to move this forward and create a stronger version of Chapter 196.

Mr. Van Eaton also said that another important item they have been working on is talking to both Crown and Verizon Wireless to resolve the pending disputes on the 64 DAS nodes. He stated the parties had some very positive discussions today, in which the City's goal, to minimize the intrusion, may be successful. He also announced that the parties agreed to extend the shot clock, in that no action will need to be taken on the pending action until March 2017. He lastly stated that the discussion is not about banning cell towers, as that is not permitted under state and federal law.

Councilwoman Killian and Mr. Van Eaton discussed preservation of local land use authority, without prohibiting wireless services. He stated that anything resembling a blanket ban or prohibition would not pass under federal law. He said that State law has a special permit provision. There was also discussion about the FCC currently undergoing a transition to a new administration. Mr. Van Eaton stated that the person who is expected to be the interim FCC Chairman has suggested that local discretion is limited. The FCC staff issued a public notice for comment on this issue. That proceeding is expected to move quickly to act on that petition. There was general discussion about the FCC's rulemaking process.

8. Continuation of the Public Hearing regarding the request submitted by Crown Castle to amend their agreement with the City and for the installation of additional locations to their existing wireless telecommunications located in the City of Rye.

Callie Erickson, 190 Locust Avenue, thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. She circulated a petition to the Council of those who opposed the application.

Gerry Seitz, 141 Kirby Lane, addressed the Council. He stated that in his experience volunteering on the various boards through Rye, he remains very conscientious of the issues. He stated that the consensus among the residents is that they are opposed. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, no one has complained about lack of service. He said he did not believe that Crown was allowed to move forward. He spoke at length and asked the City to decline to act on the application, regardless of litigation.

Mr. Van Eaton clarified that the goal was to expand City authority as much as possible, to the extent that it is permitted. He warned against letting the action go to Court as if Crown prevails, that is significantly different than the resolution that would be reached under a settlement. The goal is for the City to preserve as much authority as

possible. Further, with regard to the length of a court proceeding, there is an expedited review process and this proceeding would take much less than three years. Mr. Van Eaton said that the goal is to protect the community overtime. There was discussion over the FCC with regard to local governments.

Councilwoman Hurd and Mr. Van Eaton discussed a start from scratch approach to Chapter 196. There was also discussion about technology and the future, with regard to 1G, 2G, and beyond.

Owen Nee, 701 Forest Avenue, addressed the Council. He stated that on the legal issue, it is important to decipher whether the original contract was valid, rather than give deference to the FCC. He then reminded the Council that an election was approaching, and warned of a poor outcome.

Mr. Van Eaton stated that to clarify, the City is not talking to Crown about amending the agreement to allow for larger boxes than what already exists. He stated that once the municipality realizes there are problems with service, the choices become whether it wants large towers, smaller towers, or distributed facilities.

John Mayo-Smith, 3 Fairland Court, stated that the City had a choice in this application. He stated he was concerned about the potential impact on property value. He then discussed technology improvements.

Mr. Van Eaton stated that what Crown Castle was proposing was not what the City was looking to concede to, but rather to look to gain as much control as possible with the most minimal intrusion.

Paul Benowitz, Rye resident, stated that he objected to the residents' group proposal of the large towers, one being near his property at Disbrow Park.

Tricia Agosta, 4 Ridgewood Drive, stated that she was speaking on behalf of residents. She discussed the petition that was presented to the Council. She stated she was happy to hear about some of the comments from Mr. Van Eaton this evening. She expressed concern over the validity of the existing agreement.

Mr. Van Eaton stated that the community is always able to comment on the proceedings during the public hearing. Negotiations prior to public comment must happen between the City and the applicant. He clarified an earlier comment from the public and stated that the test is whether there is a gap in Verizon's service. He also clarified some misunderstandings about previous litigation. He also stated that the information from Crown Castle has been shared.

Michael Zarin, Zarin & Steinmetz, 81 Main Street, White Plains, New York, addressed the Council. He was hopeful for a resolution between all parties. He stated that no one was seeking a prohibition on telecommunications. He discussed the FCC regulations. He stated that the applicant needed to show a gap in coverage and the

remedy of least intrusive means. He asked that the community be involved. He was hopeful for a non-litigation path.

Mr. Van Eaton clarified a point on the FCC proceedings.

Josh Cohn, 24 Green Avenue, stated that the petition is against having DAS nodes on private property. He stated that he was in support of the residents' "slick sticks" alternative.

Mr. Van Eaton clarified that there is case law that says it is very difficult to dictate technology to telecommunications companies. He mentioned that Chapter 196 is "technology neutral," and does not incorporate the federal substantial gap standard.

Mayor Sack stated that the matter would be adjourned to March 15th. Councilman Mecca made a motion, seconded by Councilman McCartney and unanimously carried, to adjourn the public hearing to March 15, 2017.

9. Residents may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

10. Appointment of the 2017 Deputy Mayor by the Mayor.

Mayor Sack appointed Councilwoman Killian as the Deputy Mayor. He stated that he felt that Councilwoman Killian's judgment and experience would serve the Council well as deputy. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Councilwoman Julie Killian be appointed the Deputy Mayor for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2017, to serve as Acting Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

11. Appointment of a Council Member as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund, by the Mayor with Council approval, for a one-year term.

Mayor Sack appointed Councilman McCartney to serve as Trustee of the Police Pension fund for a one year term. Mayor Sack made a motion, seconded by Councilman Mecca and unanimously carried, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Councilman McCartney be appointed as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2017.

12. Designation of the City Council's Audit Committee by the Mayor.

Mayor Sack designated Councilwomen Killian and Bucci and himself to the City Council's Audit Committee. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that two Council members be appointed to the City Council's Audit Committee for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2017.

13. Designation of the City Council Liaisons by the Mayor.

Mayor Sack designated City Council Liaisons as follows:

Board of Architectural Review – Mayor Sack
Boat Basin Commission – Councilwoman Hurd
Cable TV Franchise Committee - Bucci Killian Hurd
Conservation Commission/Advisory Council – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein
Deer Committee – Mayor Sack and Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein
Emergency Services – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein
Finance Committee – Councilwoman Killian
Fire Department Study Group – Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman Mecca
Flood Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Hurd
Gun Safety – Councilmembers McCartney and Tagger-Epstein
Human Rights – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein
Landmarks Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Hurd
Litigation Committee – Mayor Sack, Councilman McCartney and Councilwoman Hurd
Master Plan Committee – Mayor Sack, Councilwoman Killian and Councilman McCartney
Planning Commission – Councilman Mecca
Recreation Commission – Councilman McCartney
Rye Cable and Communications Committee – Councilwoman Killian
Rye Chamber of Commerce – Councilwoman Hurd
Rye City School Board – Mayor Sack
Rye Free Reading Room – Councilwoman Bucci
Rye Golf Club Commission – Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman McCartney
Rye Playland Advisory Committee – Mayor Sack
Rye Town Park Commission – Mayor Sack and Councilwoman Killian
Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein
Rye Senior Advocacy Committee – Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein
Sustainability Committee – Councilwomen Killian and Tagger-Epstein
Zoning Board of Appeals – Mayor Sack

14. Designation of official City newspaper.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Journal News is hereby designated as the official City newspaper for purposes of publishing legal notices.

15. Designation of alternate City newspaper.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Rye City Review is hereby designated as the alternate City newspaper for purposes of publishing legal notices.

16. Designation of the amounts of faithful performance bonds:

Councilman McCartney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein and unanimously approved by the Council, to designate the amounts of faithful performance bonds:

A.	City Comptroller	\$ 1,000,000
B.	City Clerk	\$ 500,000
C.	City Marshall	\$ 100,000

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mayor Sack, Councilmembers Bucci, Hurd, Killian, McCartney, Mecca and Tagger-Epstein
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

17. Appointments to Boards and Commissions, by the Mayor with Council approval.

Mayor Sack made a motion, approved unanimously by the Council to approve the following appointments:

A) Two appointments to the Board of Appeals for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Susan Brown and Alan Weiner to the Board of Appeals for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

B) Three appointments to the Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Kevin Grainger and Kathy Grainger-Hobbins and Lisa Hogan-Luthringer to the Board of Architectural Review for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

C) Two appointments to the Board of Assessment Review for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Debra Galliard and Howard Husock to the Board of Assessment Review for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

D) One appointment to the Board of Ethics for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Elizabeth Griffin-Matthews to the Board of Ethics for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

E) Three appointments to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Melissa Grieco and Annalise Stack and to appoint Lori Fontanes to the Conservation Commission/ Advisory Council for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

F) Three appointments to the Finance Committee for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint James Jenkins, Robert May and Tiffany O'Toole Flanerty to the Finance Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

G) Two appointments to the Planning Commission for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Hugh Greechan and Al Vitiello to the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

H) Three appointments to the Recreation Commission for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Caroline Surhoff, Tim Walsh and Linda Ritacco to the Board of Appeals for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

- I) Seven appointments to the Rye Cable and Communications Committee for a three-year term.

This item was adjourned.

- J) Seven appointments to the Rye Playland Advisory Committee for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint Lucinda McKinnon and Mike Visci to the Rye Playland Advisory Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

- K) Four appointments to the Rye Town Park Advisory Committee for a three-year term.

This item was adjourned.

- L) Six appointments to the Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee for a three-year term.

Mayor Sack made a motion, unanimously approved by the Council, to reappoint James Burke and Ben Stacks to the Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Committee for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2020.

Mayor Sack announced the passing of longtime resident, Frank Visci. Mayor Sack noted his service with the Rye Seniors and expressed his condolences to the family. There was a moment of silence for Mr. Visci.

Councilwoman Killian announced that Bruce Jenkins also had passed away. She complimented Mr. Jenkins' wonderful family and remembered him for his service as a longtime City of Rye volunteer firefighter. Councilman Mecca added that Mr. Jenkins was a member of Milton Point Fire Department, who served as a volunteer for 50 years. There was a moment of silence for Mr. Jenkins.

18. New Business.

There was nothing discussed under this agenda item.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at the regular meeting, Councilman Mecca made a motion at 10:49 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Tagger-Epstein, to

adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council and recess into executive session to discuss personal matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. D'Andrea
City Clerk